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SUBJECT: US NEWS AND WORLD REPORT ITEM ON MEXICAN
"FOOT DRAGGING" IN CLEARING RESCUE FLIGHTS

1. FOLLOWING ITEM APPEARED IN MARCH 22 US NEWS AND WORLD
REPORT:

"THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR RUSHING US AID TO GUATEMALA
DURING THE DISASTROUS EARTHQUAKE ARE STILL SIMMERING
OVER MEXICO'S FOOT DRAGGING IN ALLOWING AMERICAN
RESCUE HELICOPTERS AND U-2 DAMAGE-RECONNAISSANCE
PLANES TO FLY OVER MEXICO. IN THE END, THE HELI-
COPTERS AND U-2S MADE THE FLIGHTS WITHOUT MEXICO'S
OFFICIAL APPROVAL."

2. DEPARTMENT SUGGESTS FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE IF NEEDED:

"NO DISSATISFACTION HAS BEEN EXPRESSED BY US AID
OFFICIALS IN REGARD TO THE TIMING OF ANY CLEARANCES
BY MEXICO. NO RELIEF WAS DELAYED DUE TO CLEARANCE
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